

CARPE DIEM.

These days are ours, of Love, these days that shine
With either of tear-dipped lashes, with
glimmer of eye,
That murmur with notes, and with bubble of
sweetened wine,
And music of lips that part for sighs.

Mourn not for days that are gone beyond for-
getting,
Nor trouble for hours that may come with
clouds and fears,
Turn not from eyes the sun that hastes
to setting,
Love for to-day; think not of years.

What is to-day that shall not be again on the
morrow?
What is the grief that outlives our crown
of flowers?
Into mine eyes look deep; there dwells no
morrow.

O Love, those happy days are ours
—W. J. Henderson.

THE PROFESSOR'S PIANO.

Professor Aird, as the whole scientific world knows, has for many years occupied the chair of applied mechanics in the renowned and distinguished University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and for some time past has been giving particular attention to a further development of the phonograph. On his return from a lecture tour in Norway last summer, he went one evening to visit his geological colleague, Professor Drayson. A number of Professor Drayson's Miss Marcella Hall, was staying with her uncle and Dr. Aird, as he glanced at this young lady, who was about nineteen and extremely beautiful, found it in his heart to regret that Providence had given him only one nephew.

From geology the two professors presently turned to gossip. "But your nephew," remarked Professor Drayson, "has made a pretty use of his talents," remarked Professor Drayson.

"No? Really? In what way? I have been sent of the way of news in Norway," "Oh, don't you know?" cried uncle and niece in one breath, and Miss Hall fetched a newspaper in which Professor Drayson had read of a great diamond robbery executed by an impetuous young gentleman and his wife. The wife had been found and identified as Mrs. Skiplith, but the husband and the diamonds had disappeared.

"There was no clear evidence against her, and so they let her go," said Professor Drayson. "But, of course, the police will have an eye upon her, and sooner or later she will go to him and he will be taken as a thief. I believe he met her there. It is a terrible thing for her."

"Not a word," said Professor Aird.

"She has herself to thank," returned the other professor, with a glance at his niece, "for marrying him against the advice of her friends." Professor Aird, feeling that something uncomfortable underlay this observation, began to seek a change of subject and, with an admirable tact, saw that another pupil of years, that clever young fellow, Ashley, has just got an appointment in America.

"Don't speak to me of Ashley," cried his colleague triumphantly, "I won't hear his name."

There was a moment's silence. Miss Hall had neither moved nor looked up. Professor Aird, as a peace-loving man, said a few kind words to show that he was not intended, and then took his leave. Miss Hall smiled upon him with marked friendliness, and shook his hand with something of a pressure. It was clear to him that she was trying to make amends for the roughness of her tongue.

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And in the horror of this confirmation he missed the next word or two and only heard the answer to them.

"B. And to have to wait till Thursday. Oh, the law's delays are intolerable."

"A. I would not complain of the law's delays if I were you, when you are meditating a flagrant theft with indefinite penalties to follow."

"B. I don't care about penalties when once I am out of the island. There's no extradition for the offenses of my sort."

"What can that mean?" thought the wondering listener.

"You say you want to make the theft secure before you begin to wait. But come along. I came to fetch you for a stroll. You must not venture out by day, you know, and you will be waiting yourself by tomorrow night, if you stay shut up all the time in this dull room."

Professor Aird sat before the silent phonograph and gazed blankly at its stationary works. He even forgot in the amazement and horror of these revelations to remember the success of his invention. He was like the legendary possessor of some supernatural power who invariably finds a curse wrapped up in his gift.

Was this, indeed, Skiplith to whose voice his familiar had listened? And if so, was the wicked young man plotting yet further crime? What was it that his accomplice had said? "I would not complain of the law's delays if I were you, when you are meditating a flagrant theft with indefinite penalties to follow." Indefinite penalties? Of what crime in a civilized country are the penalties indefinite? The Professor was as ignorant as any other law-abiding Briton of the intricacies of his country's criminal law; but he had a common-sense impression that it was only offenses of a political character for which there were no extradition. Plots and explosions, and rumors of political revolutions, were life at that time. Was this misguided young man (the Professor perceived clearly that the man who could call him "old Aird" must be the young raking part in some conspiracy) was it some dynamic outrage that these young ruffians were hatching? And in what manner might he, Professor Aird, to interfere? Could he, in fairness, make use of knowledge obtained by an elaborate process of mechanical eavesdropping? He could not. He could not, in fairness, make use of knowledge obtained by an elaborate process of mechanical eavesdropping? He could not. He could not, in fairness, make use of knowledge obtained by an elaborate process of mechanical eavesdropping? He could not.

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Organized business—OCTOBER 1, 1861.

Name of the General Agent in Virginia—C. W. WHERRY, of Richmond.

Residence of the General Agent in Virginia—Richmond, Va.

L. CAPITAL.

The amount of subscribed capital stock of such corporation—\$12,500,000 00

The amount of said capital stock paid up in cash—12,500,000 00

The amount still unpaid for—10,250,000 00

II. ASSETS.

The assets of said company, and a detailed statement of how and in what the same are invested:

Value of real estate owned by the company, less the amount of incumbrances—\$15,250 00

Account of stocks, bonds, and Treasury Notes of the United States and of all kinds of metal, gold, silver, and coins—815,250 00

Value of all other stocks, bonds, and securities—10,000 00

Total—\$12,500,000 00

United States 1 per cent registered bonds—50,000 00

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Chicago and Northwestern Railroad 7 per cent—50,000 00

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New York Central and Hudson River Railroad 7 per cent—50,000 00

Total par and market value, carried out at—\$1,130,000 00

For the company's principal office—\$1,130,000 00

Cash belonging to the company deposited in banks and in the hands of agents—\$248,000 00

Interest due and accrued on bank deposits—12,750 00

Interest due and accrued on bonds—392,500 00

Interest due and accrued on other securities—1,570 00

Unearned premiums—\$882,700 53

Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired policies—\$187,817 37

Net amount of unpaid losses—\$1,632,016 07

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